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tracts of white pine that represents all that is left of one of the most magnificent pine regions of the continent. The excursion to the island of Mackinac and Sault Ste. Marie after adjournment will be especially attractive to botanists. Most of the prominent western botanists will be in attendance at this meeting, and many others from all parts of the country. No botanist should willingly miss so good an opportunity to become acquainted with his co-laborers and to obtain the inspiration to be secured through personal associations.

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**Dr. Franklin B. Hough.**—Science, especially botany and forestry, has lost an illustrious worker in Dr. Franklin B. Hough, who died at his residence in Lowville, New York, on the 9th of June, in his 63d year—he having been born at Martinsburg in Lewis County, New York, on the 20th of July, 1822. He practiced medicine in Somerville from 1838 to 1842, and continued to cultivate his natural taste for literary, historical and statistical work. In 1847 he published an account of the flora of Lewis County, which was so well received by the botanists of that day that he received his first scientific honors soon after by being elected a correspondent of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, which has been followed since by his election to some thirty-six other scientific or literary bodies. His statistical and historical labors, especially in connection with his own native State, have been enormous.

Dr. Hough, as a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, was a prime mover in the action of that body, which did so much to make the modern phase of forestry a national question; and when, in response to this movement, the national government undertook an investigation of the forestry question, Dr. Hough was placed in charge of the matter under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture. His reports in connection with this are models of pains-taking industry in the collection of facts. It was in just such work that his talent showed to advantage. It was always charming to engage him in conversation in connection with the history of any of our common studies. Anecdotes connected with men and things, with a ready recollection of dates and incidents, would be freely communicated with an easy freshness truly remarkable.

During the winter he was engaged at Albany in drafting, and watching through its various stages, the Forestry Bill which has since become the law of that State. He still contrived to work on other literary subjects that were quite enough for one man's time. It is believed this weakened his hitherto iron constitution, and brought on an attack of pneumonia about the beginning of April. After four weeks he seemed well enough to be removed to his home at Lowville, but only eventually to succumb.—*Gardeners' Monthly*.

#### Botanical Notes.

*Origin of the Lombardy Poplar.*—According to Mr. Bossier, a botanist who has lately studied oriental botany, this poplar is a dis-